# **BookletChart**

# Point Au Fer To Marsh Island

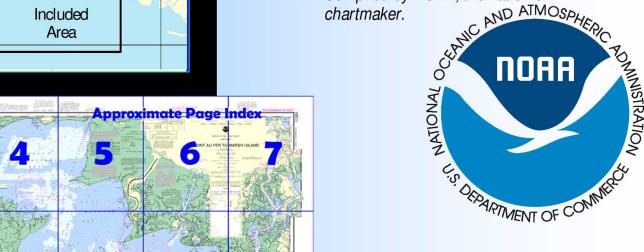
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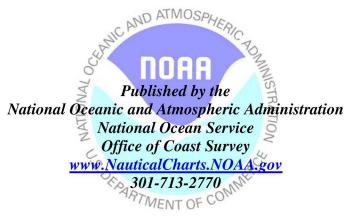


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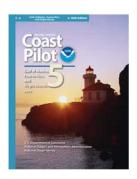
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 9 excerpts] (185) Atchafalaya Bay is a large indentation in the coast of Louisiana 112 miles W of Southwest Pass, Mississippi River. The bay is about 28 miles long in nearly an E-W direction, averages 7 miles in width, is full of shoals and oyster reefs, and has general depths ranging from 3 to 9 feet. A fringe of reefs partially separates the bay from the Gulf, the E end being known as Point au Fer Shell Reef. The bay is the approach to Lower Atchafalaya River and the Port of Morgan

City, with depths of 25 feet or less extending 25 miles off the channel entrance. Vessels navigating the bay usually draw 3 to 10 feet. (186) **Point au Fer Reef Light** (29°22'18"N., 91°23'06"W.), 44 feet above the water and shown from a square green daymark on a skeleton tower on a concrete platform at **Eugene Island** on the W side of the dredged channel, and an abandoned lighthouse on Southwest Reef are the only

conspicuous objects in the **Point au Fer Shell Reef** area. A seasonal fog signal is at the light.

(197) Lower Atchafalaya River flows S into the NE corner of Atchafalaya Bay; it is the outlet for an extensive system of S Louisiana lakes and bayous known as the Atchafalaya navigation system, an inside passage to the Mississippi River about 180 miles above New Orleans. (204) Little Wax Bayou, which branches W from the Lower Atchafalaya about 13.5 miles above the mouth, is part of the Intracoastal Waterway and is described later in this chapter.

(214) **Port of Morgan City** is at the confluence of Atchafalaya River and the Intracoastal Waterway about 35 miles from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico.

(215) **Morgan City,** on the E side of Berwick Bay, has several landings with ample depths for river boats; vessels generally go alongside, because of the depths and currents in the river.

(264) Little Wax Bayou, branching W from Lower Atchafalaya River 2.5 miles below Morgan City, empties into Wax Lake and through Wax Lake Pass and New Pass into Atchafalaya Bay. The N end of the bayou has been straightened by dredged cuts to form the route of the Intracoastal Waterway W from Lower Atchafalaya River. Big Wax Bayou flows into Wax Lake Pass and through New Pass into Atchafalaya Bay. These bayous form an inside route from Morgan City to the W part of the bay.

(265) **Marsh Island,** on the S side of Vermilion Bay and W of Atchafalaya Bay, is low and marshy. The entire Gulf shore of the island is foul; numerous oyster reefs, some of which uncover at low water, extend for about 4.5 miles off the S point of the island. The foul area should not be entered without local knowledge.

(271) East Cote Blanche Bay, West Cote Blanche Bay, and Vermilion Bay together make up a large body of water extending WNW from the NW side of Atchafalaya Bay, and are separated from the Gulf by Marsh Island. This water area is about 32 miles long and 5 to 15 miles wide, and depths averaging of 5 to 9 feet. With the exception of Cote Blanche Island, Weeks Island, and Avery Island, the shores of these bays and Marsh Island are low and marshy. In recent years there has been extensive oil exploration in the bays offshore from Burns off South Bend in East Cote Blanche Bay, along the NW shore in West Cote Blanche Bay, and on Dry Reef.

(272) Boats bound from Atchafalaya Bay to East Cote Blanche Bay generally use **Morrison Cutoff**, which is between **Point Chevreuil** on the E and **Rabbit Island** on the W. Under favorable conditions a draft of 4 to 5 feet can be carried through the cutoff into East Cote Blanche Bay and thence through West Cote Blanche Bay to Vermilion Bay. Local knowledge is needed to carry the best water.

(273) **The Jaws**, at the NE corner of West Cote Blanche Bay is a passage connecting the bay with the Intracoastal Waterway and with **Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal**. In April 1997, the controlling depth was 4 feet through the passage; knowledge of local existing conditions is advised. A passage through the bay from off **Point Marone** through The Jaws is marked by private daybeacons and a light. (274) **Cote Blanche Island**, 97 feet high, is on the N side of West Cote Blanche Bay. From the bay side, the island appears as a reddish-yellow steep bluff. **Ivanhoe Canal**, W of the island, connects West Cote Blanche Bay with the Intracoastal Waterway. In 1983, the canal had a reported controlling depth of 4½ feet. The canal is marked by private aids.

# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

Corrected through NM Jan. 16/10 Corrected through LNM Jan. 05/10

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:80,000 at Lat. 29°21'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System of 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

#### CABLE FERRY

Cable across the river may be at or near the water surface. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this area.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

Shoaling to 2 feet at MLLW and numerous uncharted stumps, snags and logs are reported to exist in New Pass and the approaches to New Pass from about four miles south and southwest. P & July 1982

## POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

# CAUTION Gas and Oil Well Structures

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#### MINERAL DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURES

Obstruction lights and sound (fog) signals are required for fixed mineral development structures shown on this chart, subject to approval by the District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (33 CFR 67).

#### CAUTION

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# NOTE B

A depth of 4½ feet has been reported between he aids leading to Ivanhoe Canal.

May 1983



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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 5 for important supplemental information

#### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

#### BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart

#### NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Morgan City, LA KIH-23 Lafayette, LA WXK-80

162.475 MHz 162.55 MHz

The hydrography within the heavy dashed black line was surveyed by NOS in 2005. A shoaling condition has been observed in relation to prior surveys. The density of this most recent survey data is inadequate to rule out the possibility of shoaler depths or undetected submerged features in these areas.

## LORAN-C **GENERAL EXPLANATION**

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#### RATES ON THIS CHART

Loran-C correction tables published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or others should not be used with this chart. The lines of position shown have been adjusted based on survey data. Every effort has been made to meet the ¼ nautical mile accuracy criteria established by the U.S. Coast Guard. Mariners are cautioned not to rely solely on the lattices in inshore waters.

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

#### INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

(use charts 11350, 11354 and 11355)

The project depth is 12 feet from New Orleans, LA to Aransas Pass, TX.
The controlling depths are published periodically in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

#### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

## SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot</u>.

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation.
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NOTE S

Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229.
Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

#### TIDAL INFORMATION Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW) Mean Higher High Water Mean High Water (LAT/LONG) NAME feet 0.6 Eugene Island Shell Island Point Chevreuil South Point, Marsh Island Cote Blanche Island (29°44'N/091°43'W

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	UPPER BAY REACH	11	C12	13	9-09	400	5.9	20	
	HORSESHOE CHANNEL	12	12	9	10-09	400	3.8	20	
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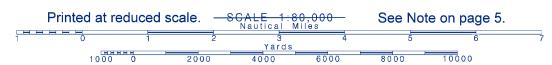
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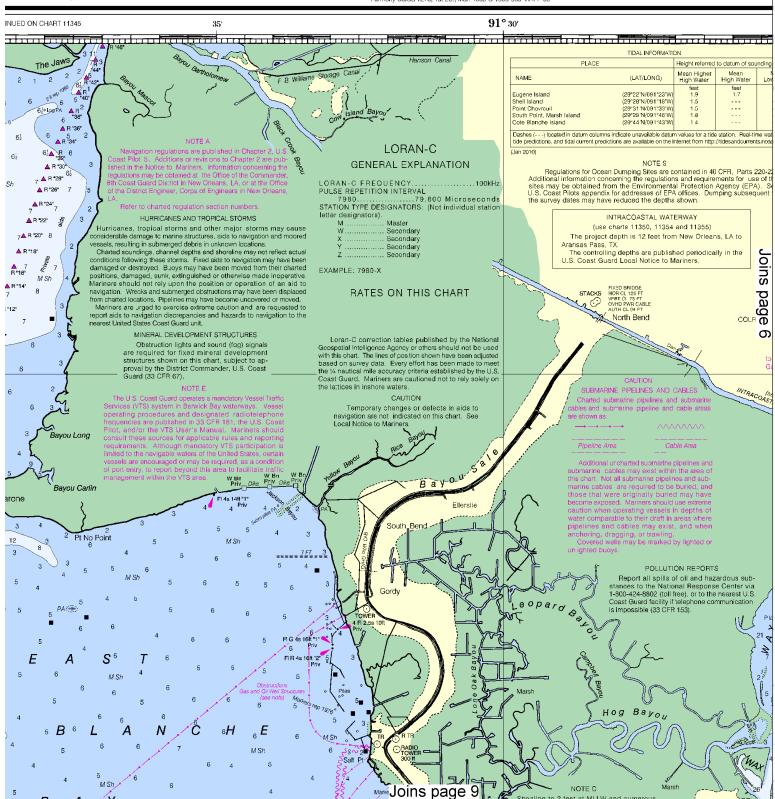
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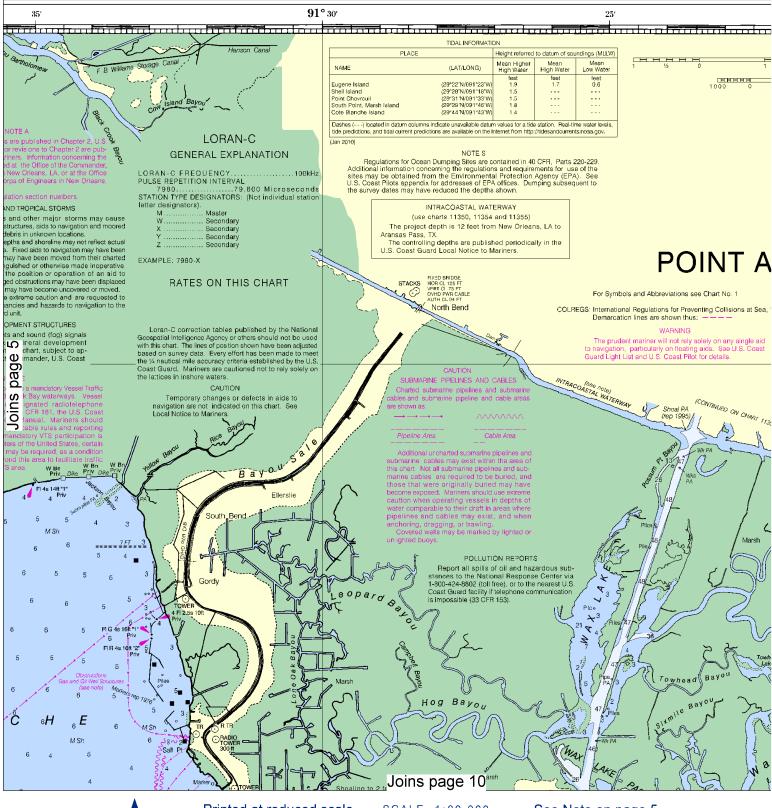
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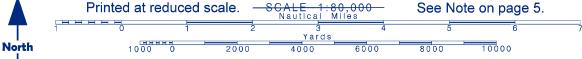
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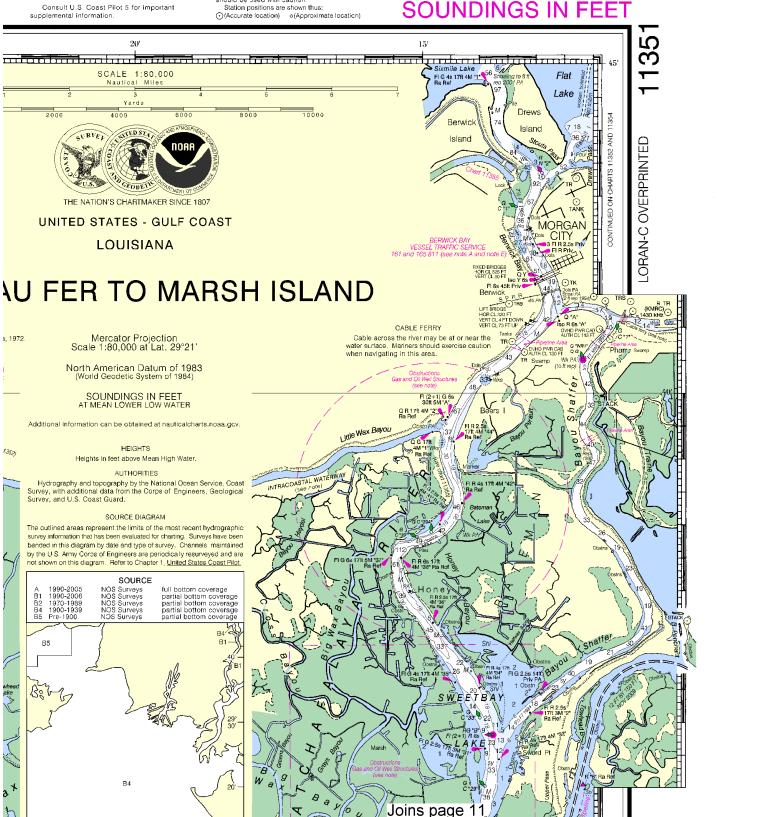
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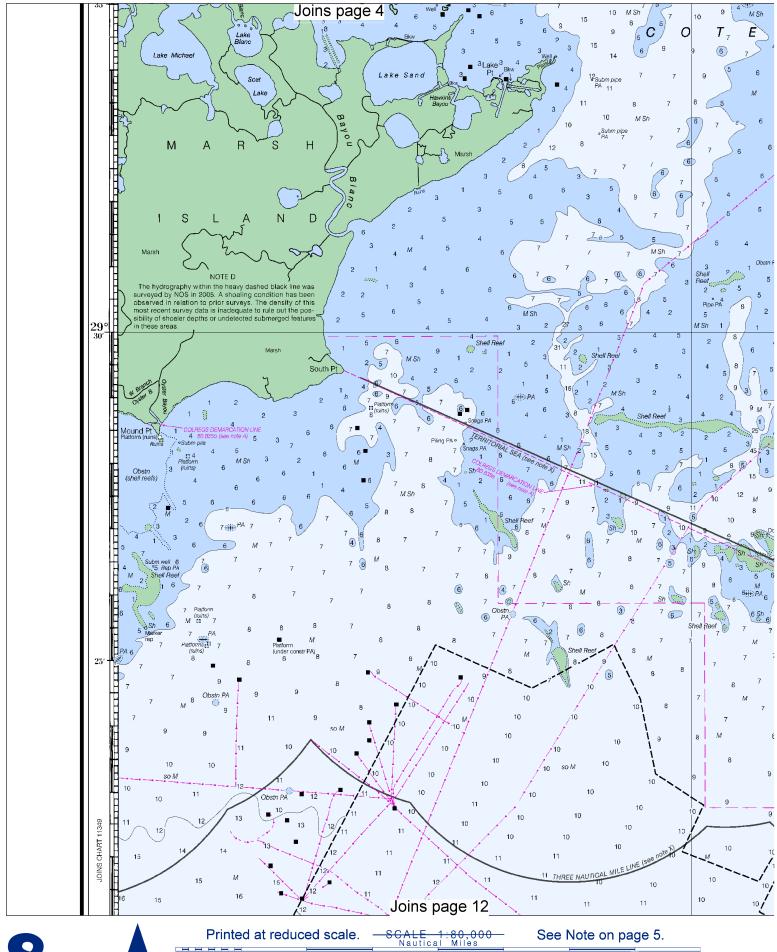
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# SOUNDINGS IN FEET



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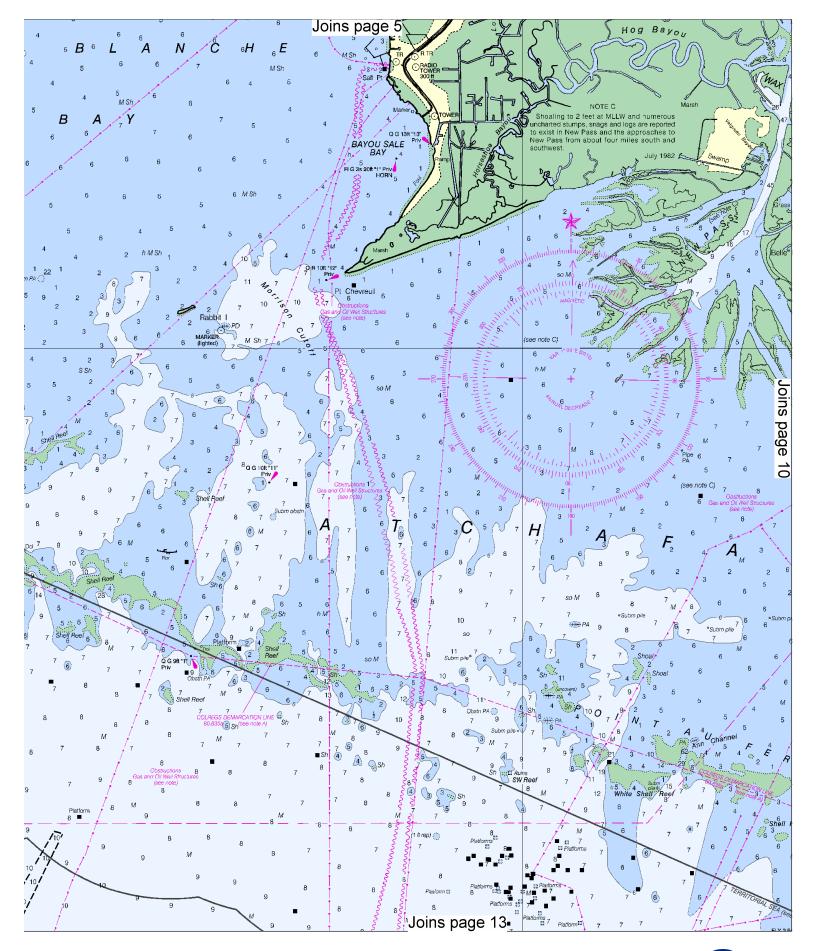


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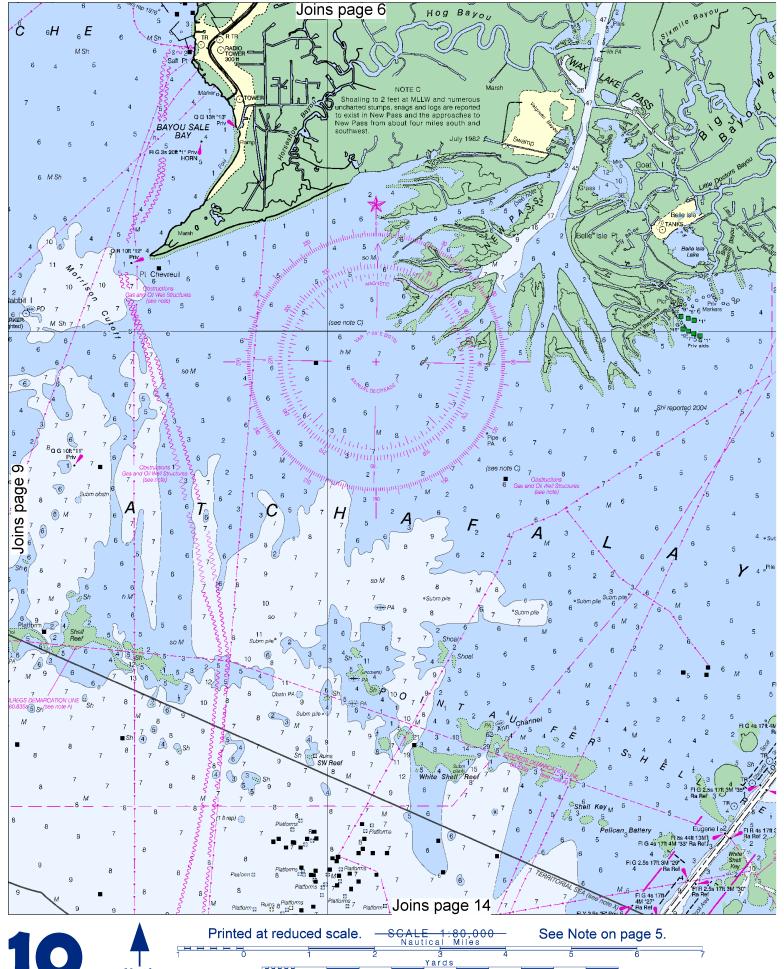


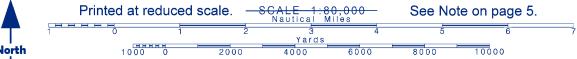
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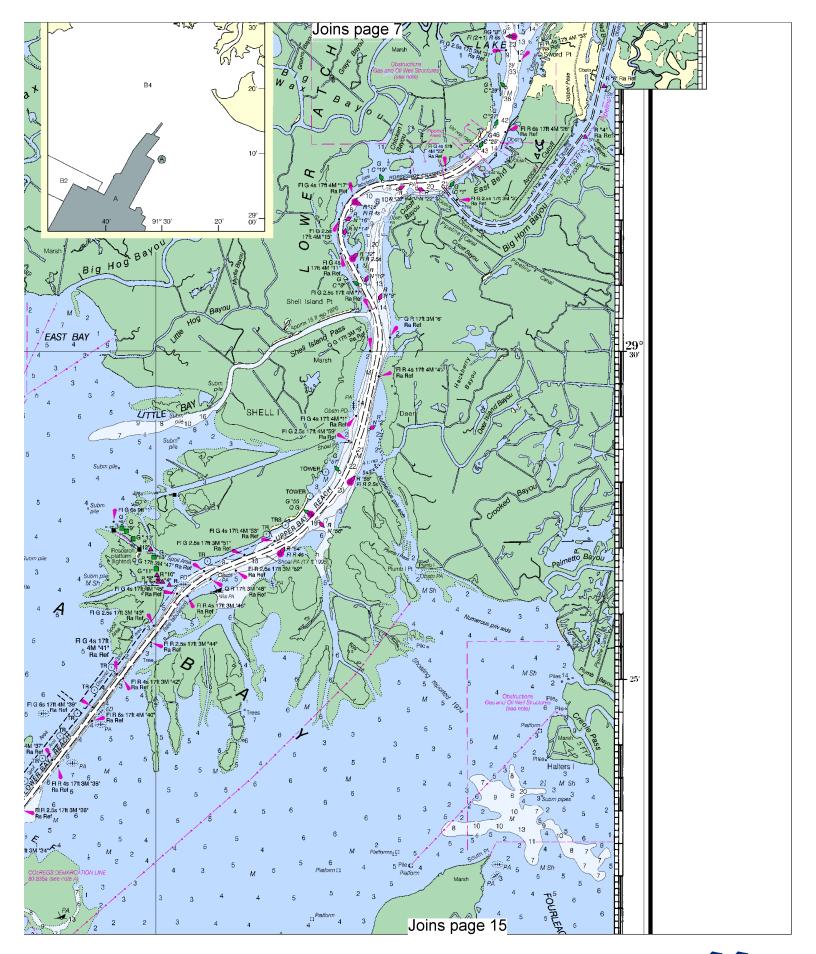
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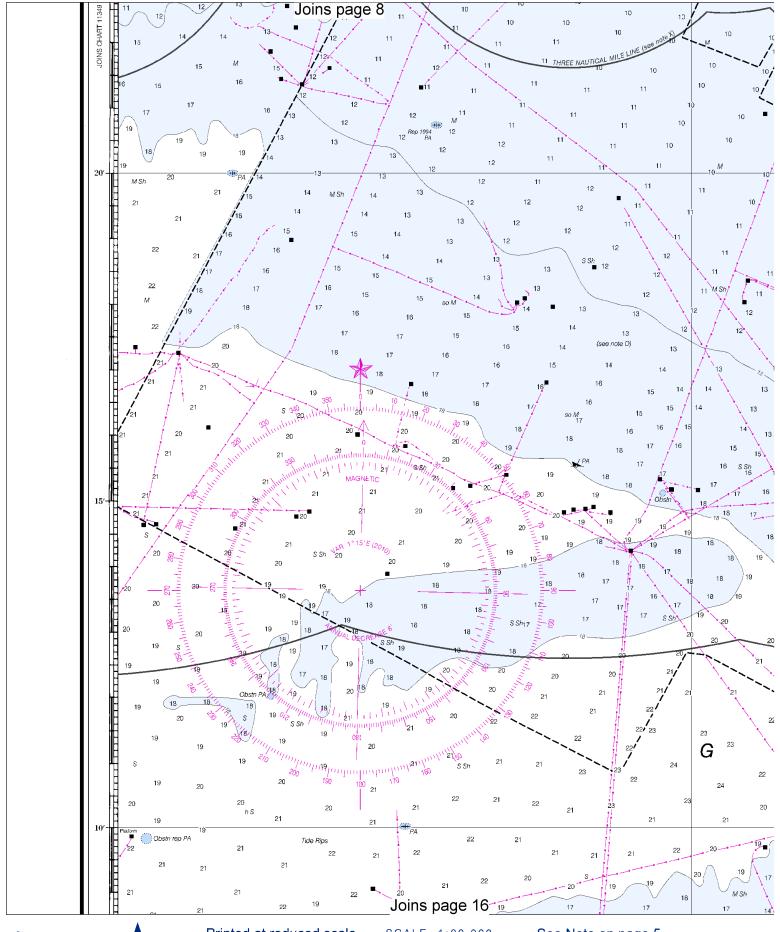




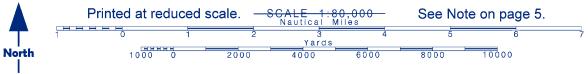


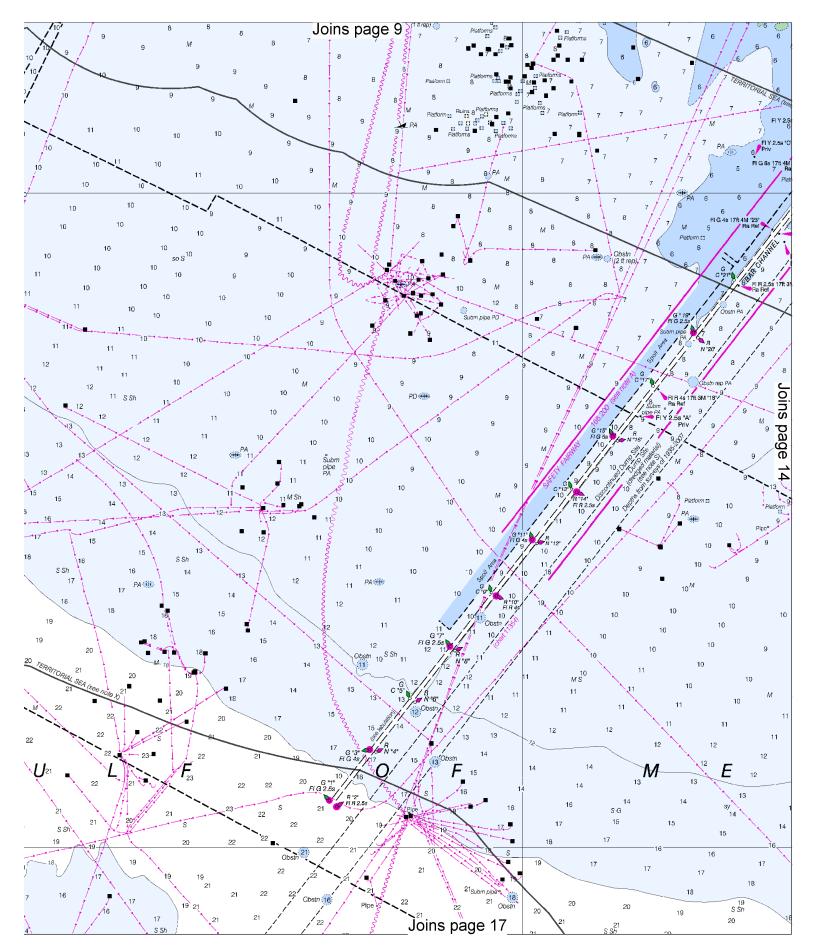


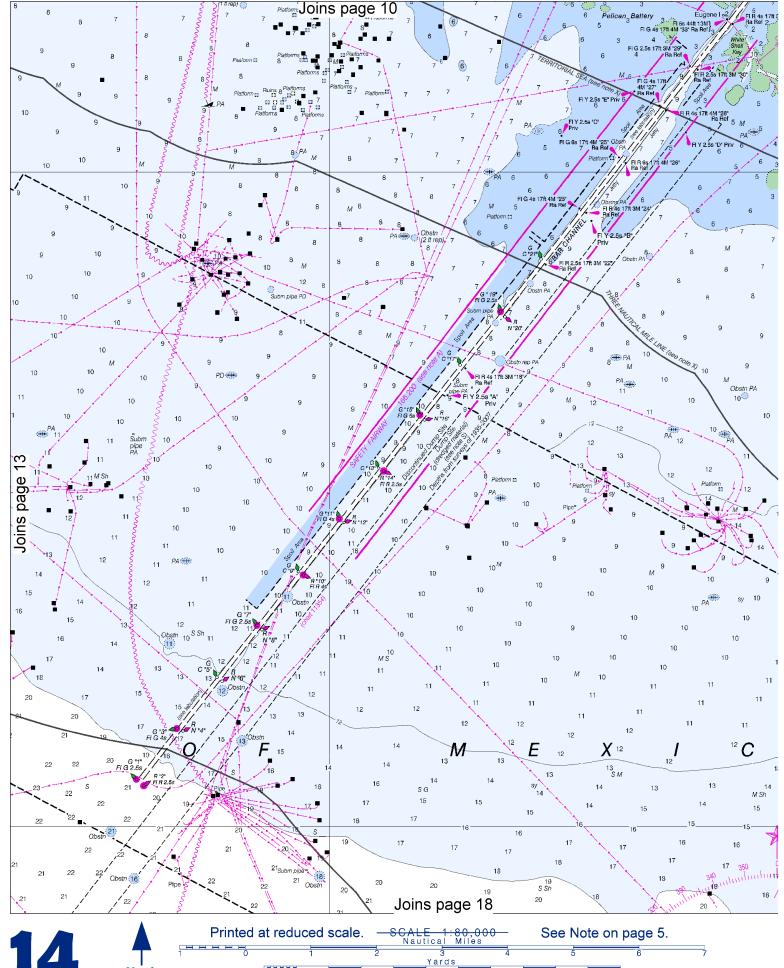


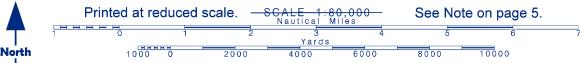


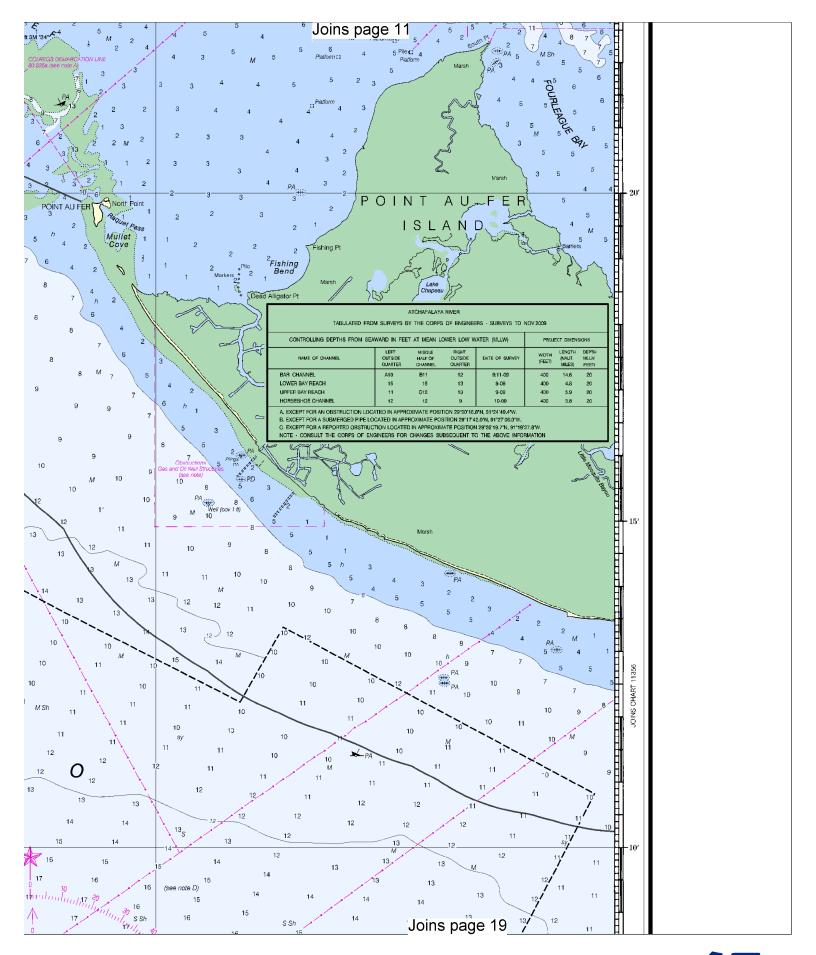


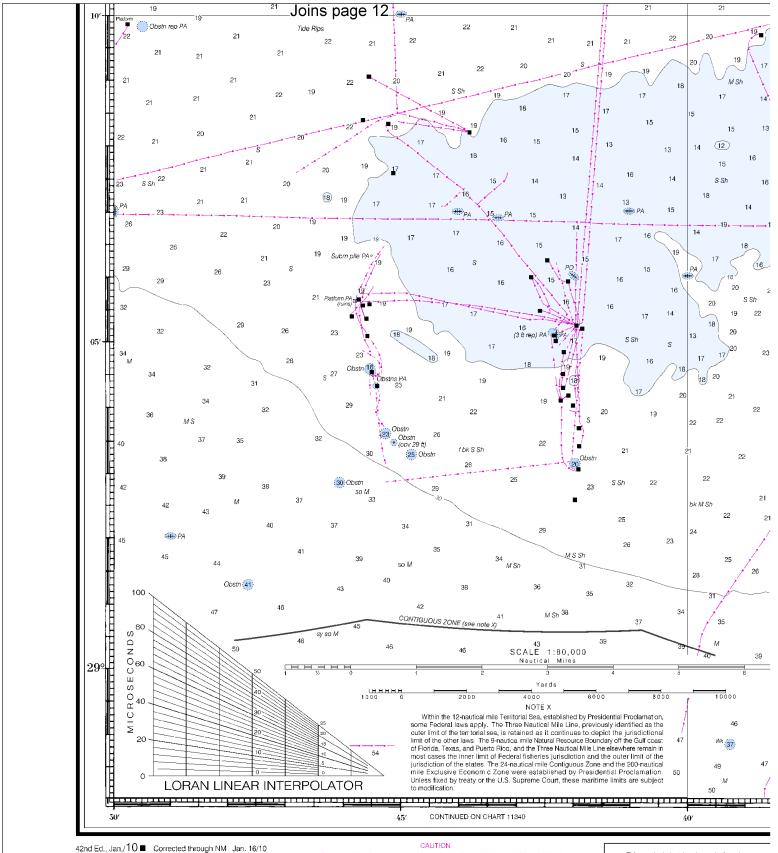












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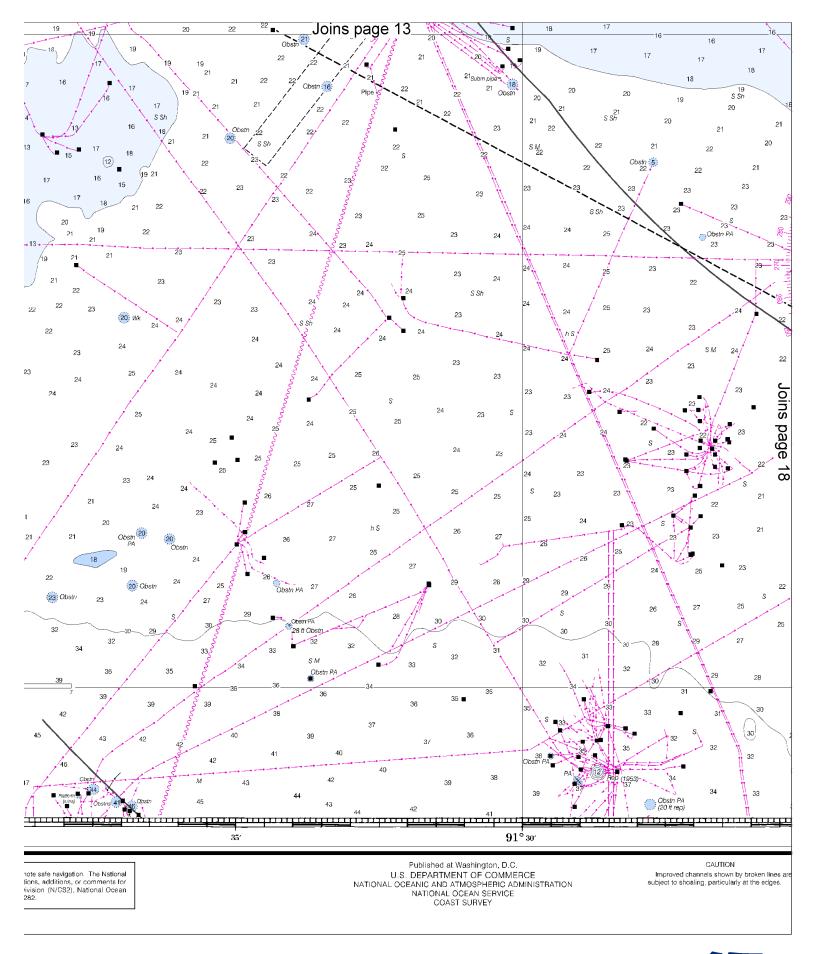
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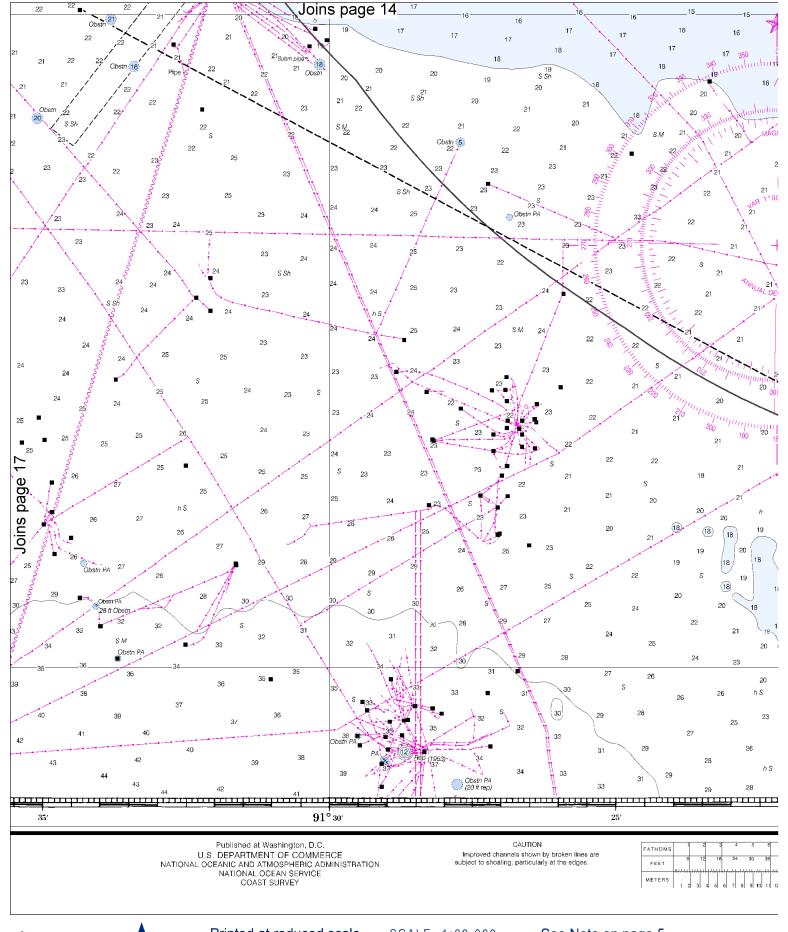
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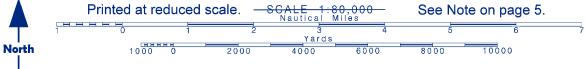


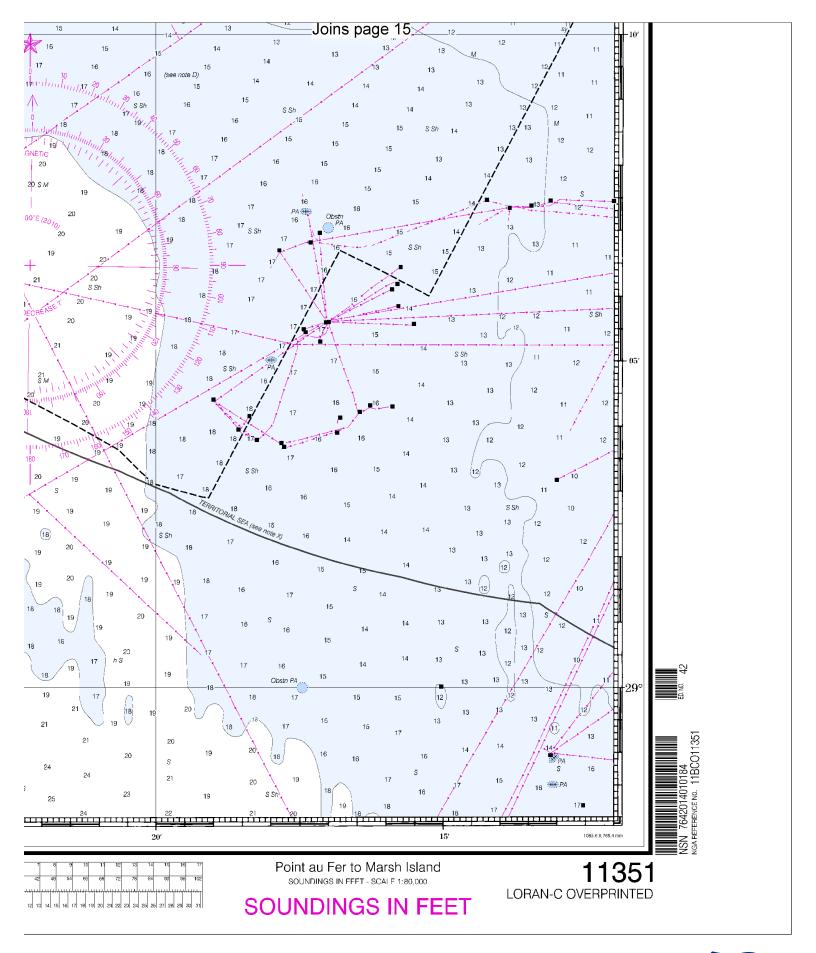






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# **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

## Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

#### HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

### **Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Group New Orleans— 409-846-6162 Coast Guard Station Grand Isle— 985-787-2136 LA Wildlife and Fisheries— 800-442-2511 Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd — 757-398-6390

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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